**Charida:**
- Located in the foothills of Ajodhya in about 5 kms from Bagmunda / 29 km from Balarampur.
- A crafts village and this place is famous for traditional mask making which are generally used in ‘Chhou Dance’.

**Khairabera:**
- An irrigation dam amidst hills and forest suitable for picnic and film shooting.
- 29 km from Balarampur.
- Accommodation at Balarampur.
- Best time to visit - Spring, Rain, Winter.

**Murguma Dam:**
- A large water-body with ample forest area on the foothills of Ajodhya, 55 km from Purulia, 15 km from Jhalda.
- Adventure activities like trekking in the jungle, scope for film shooting.
- Where the beauty of palash flowers may be enjoyed during Spring (March).
- Accommodation - Hotel Hill View (Jhalda) (DB / AC = 24, DB / Non AC = 8), ☎: 9378131583.
- Murguma Irrigation Bungalow, ☎: 03252-222720.
- Nearest Rail Station - Jhalda, Muri 15 km, Airport - Ranchi (70 km).
- Best time to visit - Spring, Rainy Season, Winter.

**Kuki Dam:**
- A vast waterbody created on the river ‘Rupai’.
- An excellent place for Weekend tour and film shooting.
- 11 km from Jhalda town.
- Private accommodation available at Jhalda town.

**Southern Tourism Circuit**
Bandayan is gateway to southern tourism circuit, nearest railway station Galudh, Jharkhand (30Km), Purulia (70Km), Barabhum (40 Km). One may get hired vehicles at those rail stations to reach the destinations of Southern circuit.

**Bhalopar:**
- A forest of some 2 lakhs trees in a semi arid region.
- A beautiful place to stay in natural environment.
- Contact - Kamal Chakraborty, ☎: 9474462238, Dhurjati Chatterjee, ☎: 9830803196.

**Doladanga:**
- Situated on the banks of the Kansabati Reservoir at Manbazar, on the other side of Mukutmanipur - 65 Kms from Purulia Town.
- Ideal for picnic-diners and film shooting units. The huge water body, deer park, dense forest and an island in the middle of the reservoir.
- Ample scope of taking a forest safari through dense forest.
- Accommodation available at Manbazar Santik Lodge (Non AC / DB = 7, Dormitory) / Basundhara (DB / AC = 1, Non AC / DB = 7).
- Best season - Rainy Season, Winter.

**Duarseni Eco Tourism Centre:**
- 10 km from Bandwan, 80 Kms from Purulia Town.
- Forests and small rivulets like ‘Satgudung’ clustered around it. Ample scope of taking a forest safari through dense forest.
- Nearest rail station - Galudh, Jharkhand (30Km) on Howrah Tatanagar line.
- Booking at WBFDC, Arya Mision, 7th Floor.
- Kolkata - 700 013, ☎: 033 22270060 / 0661.
- Best season - Spring, Rainy Season, Winter.

**Kuilapal/Nana Forest:**
- 10 km away from Bandayan.
- A natural forest with long Saal trees.
- One can take a blissful tour from Kuilapal through dense forest of Jhilimili to famous Mukutmanipur dam of Bankura district. Best season - Spring, Rain, Winter.
Tourism of Purulia recouped through the wealth of its natural and cultural heritage. Chhau and Jhumur are the Microcosms of Purulia heritage. Purulia is the “land of palash flower” during spring (March). The vast lowly populated virgin landscapes call film shooting units. Numerous films like ‘Hirok Rajar Deshe’, ‘Uttara’ and recent block buster ‘Lootera’ was shot on different locations of Purulia. The district has ample potential for Adventure tourism and Leisure activity.

Northern Tourism Circuit

**Major Places of Tourist Attraction**

The rail town Adra is the gateway to the Northern Tourism circuit of Purulia. The sub divisional town Raghunathpur may be considered as the hub (5 km away from Adra). A number of tourist accommodations are available at Raghunathpur town - Panchawati (DB / AC = 4, DB / Non AC = 20, Dormitory, ☏: 9434226172, Manbhum Lodge (DB / AC = 1, Non AC / DB = 10, ☏: 9641379542, Shantiniketan (DB / AC = 2, Non AC / DB = 8, ☏: 9749490559) etc.

**Murradigh Irrigation Dam:**
- A big water body surrounded by hillocks
- About 15 km. from Raghunathpur
- Best time to visit: rainy season & winter
- Situated at the foot hills of Gunungu Hill
- Above of migratory birds during winter
- Akashmoni (Boronti), ☏: 9831429956
- Mupalash (Boronti), ☏: 9662768434
- Nature Study Hut (Boronti), ☏: 9874887046

**Garh Panchakot:**
- Famous historical place, 20 km away from Raghunathpur town at foothill of Panchakot hills
- Ruins of Fort built by the Kings of Panchakot in 1600 A.D. Temples with terra cotta art in broken condition
- Nearest Railway Station - Barakar (15 Km)
- Barakar to Panchakot - 15 km by auto/car
- Accommodation at Garh Panchakot Forest Bungalow (DB / AC = 2) ☏: 9434106870
- Panchakot (DB / AC = 13, DB / Non AC = 5), ☏: 9232870232
- Best time to visit: Rainy Season / Winter / Spring

**Panchet Pahar (Hill) & Eco Tourism Centre, Baghmara:**
- Situated in the hills and a picturesque and panoramic view of forest and Panchet Dam
- Nearest rail station Barakar (15 Km)
- Barakar to Panchakot - by auto/car
- West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited’s Dormitory and suites amidst deep forest
- Booking at WBFDC, Arya Masion, 7th Floor, Kolkata –700 013, ☏: (033) 23730600/0661
- Palashbitti, ☏: 8001702087 (DB / Non AC = 6)
- Best time to visit: Rainy Season / Winter / Spring

**Jaichandipahar:**
- Very popular trekking as well as picnic spot
- Nearest station Jyachandipahar, Adra (5Km)
- Venue of the Satyajit Ray Classic film ‘Hirok Rajar Deshey’
- Laxmanpur PHE Guest House (DB / AC = 4, DB / Non AC = 4), ☏: 8759125844
- Many private accommodation available at Raghunathpur town

**Kashipur Rajbairi:**
- Kashipur was the dwelling place of Panchakot Royal family ruling for more than 800 years
- Many private accommodation available at Raghunathpur town
- 8 km away from Adra
- Best time to visit - Durga Puja

**Telkupi Deul:**
- Capital of Tailakapura Kingdom half-submerged 6th century Jain temples in the Damodar reservoir
- 18 Km away from Raghunathpur town
- Nearest station Jyachandipahar, Adra (5Km)
- Still stand today and another is visible half-submerged in the Damodar reservoir
- Visit to the second temple by boat is an exciting proposition for enthusiasts of archeology and adventure-lovers
- Accommodation available at Raghunathpur town

**Banda:**
- Famous historical place preserved by ASI
- 12 kms away from Raghunathpur town
- Best time to visit - Spring when Palash blooms
- A solitary 6th Century stone temple in ‘Rekha’ style
- Amidst deep Palash forest
- Many private accommodation available at Raghunathpur town

**Bero hills:**
- Very popular trekking as well as picnic spot
- Nearest station Bero & Adra (10 km)
- Mountaineering training imparted here by various organizations
- Many private accommodation available at Raghunathpur town

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**Central Tourism Circuit**

**Major Places of Tourist Attraction**

Purulia town is the gateway to the Central tourism circuit of Purulia district. Well connected by rail (327 km from Howrah, road and Air (Ranchi Airport) 120 km away. Howrah Chakradharpur Passenger (Howrah 11.05 PM-Purulia 6.20 AM). Various accommodations are available at Purulia town - Hotel Akash (DB / AC = 25, Non AC / DB = 12, ☏: 9735141155), Akash Ganga (DB / AC = 25, Non AC / DB = 12, ☏: 9434061079), Kunal (DB / AC = 4, Non AC / DB = 6 others is 3, ☏: 9434457476), Distt Lodge, ☏: 9832320288 etc. Youth Hostel (120 beds) and a number of Govt. accommodations also available.

**Purulia Town:**
- Nibaron Sayor (Saheb Bandh): large water-body at the heart of Purulia town – seasonal birds during winter
- Salush Park by the Forest dept is situated beside Nibaron Sayor
- Purulia Ramkrishna Mission: Famous educational Institution, a museum with geological and archeological relics of Purulia. The museum remains open 10 AM to 5 PM
- Science Centre besides Nibaron Sayor – Its Purulia Gallery offers formal interpretation of Purulia’s culture.

**Ajodhya:**
- The most famous tourism destination of Purulia. Bus service from Purulia 10-15 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 6 PM (SST), 9 PM, 11 PM (Gautam) or reserved vehicle.
- 43 km from Purulia town by road-2138, high from sea level
- BANMI FALLS: on the way to Baghmundi from Ajodhya, unblemished purity of nature
- Durga Bera: 40 feet deep artificially made water body - the birds’ paradise - between Sirkabad & Ajodhyahil top
- Hilltop, Saharajri and many other places – scope to explore ample scope of forest and nature at its best
- TURGA FALLS: on the way to Baghmundi from Ajodhya, 57 Km from Purulia district town via Sirkabad
- Accommodation, CADC’s Niharika (DB / Non AC = 5), Malabika (DB / Non AC = 13) ☏: 7501524345
- PPS (Purulia Pumped Storage Project): Both the upper and lower dams are tourist attractions. PPS Guest House (DB / AC = 12) ☏: 9434540523
- Best time for visit – Spring, Rainy, Autumn, Winter

**Mathaburu (Matha Hills):**
- 153 square km forest, famous for adventure activity like jungle trekking, rock climbing
- 15 km from Baghmundi, 16 km from Balarampur
- Nearest rail station Barahambh. Howrah Chakradharpur Passenger (Howrah 11.05 PM-Barahambh 7.00 AM).